
DISTRICT#40

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Step 7

"Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings."

Tradition 7

"Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

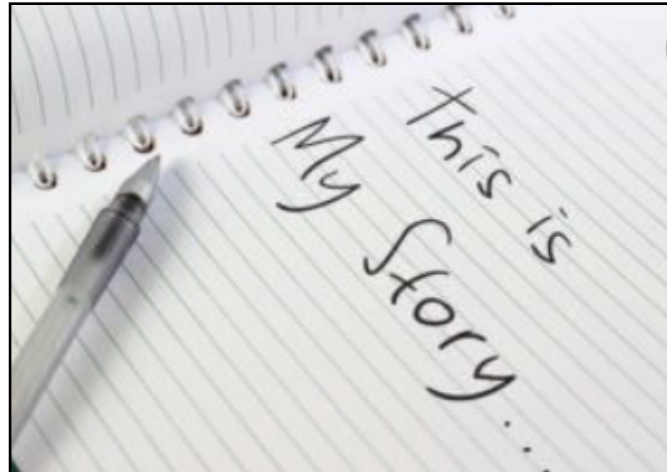
Concept 7

"The Conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the AA purse for its final effectiveness."

Open Positions for District #40

Archives & Internet Technologies (IT)
for job descriptions please go to:

http://aa-seta.org/GSR/en_bm-31.pdf



Tradition Ten - Neutrality

(Outside Issues)

Reino F, DCM

The definition of Neutral is "Not to engage on either side; not aligned with a political or ideological grouping, a position of disengagement (as of gears)". The definition of Neutralize is "To destroy the effectiveness of; nullify". The definition of Neutrality is "The quality or state of being neutral" (whatever the hell that is right?) The word Neutrality defined in the Big Book dictionary is: "Neutral or middle ground/non-participation in war/indifference". Tradition Ten says that "Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy."

The Long Form of the Tradition says that "No AA group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate AA, express any opinion on outside controversial issues –

particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters, they can express no views whatever.”

Coming into AA, after being introduced to it through the treatment center and halfway house (where I sought help for whatever the heck was wrong with me and how I was living life) I was introduced to principles and life concepts that were pretty much foreign to me. Other than being all caught up in myself and my issues and my life I had a very narrow appreciation of others and their concerns and their deals. So, I was introduced to the program of action – working the 12 steps in my daily life. As a result, changes started to take place with my acting, thinking, attitudes and perceptions from where they were before.

The working of the program gave me new insights on life and its daily issues that were in my immediate sphere and in general life around me. How I dealt with these people, places, and things had to be rearranged and eventually changed. The application of spiritual principles in my daily life brought about changes in my actions, my thinking, my attitude, and my perceptions. The old stuff was gradually being smashed. Hell, I really was unaware of this happening. It was the gradual or educational variety that is spoke of by old timers.

Here, I began to understand that as an AA member, I owed certain responsibilities to AA as a whole. I could speak out as an individual on any matter with which I was concerned; but as an AA member, I had to operate within certain limits, try to “engage the mind before opening the mouth.” I learned that I should not back away from my individual responsibility to act as we believe upon the issues of our time, yet self-righteousness should not cause us to enforce our will on others.

It was suggested that I should not speak out as a representative of AA but that I should talk for myself on my concerns in my life and in the world around me. I am not a spokesperson for the fellowship. In the past we saw what can happen to a society of people, the Washingtonians, when they take on outside issues of the day. They went from helping drunks get sober to breaking up for taking sides in political issues in the 1860's.

So, dealing with outside issues could be harmful to the AA fellowship for its purpose to help suffering alcoholics. When I get into other people's lives and issues, I realize that those are outside issues within my life. I do not need to get into other people's issues and chaos. I do not need to drag my group into other group's issues and how they deal with them. I need to deal with my stuff and my group needs to deal with their issues.

My personal experience with outside issues in AA has been limited. I have seen the issue of court papers being signed from the State of Maryland in our fellowship and we stayed out of the issue publicly. AA groups and members dealt with the issue on a group autonomous and on an individual basis. Then, the issues of the AA circle and triangle trademark lapsing and the original copy of the Big Book manuscript not being given to AA as willed from Lois Wilson to Barry?, but sold in auctions. The issues were looked into but it was decided not to pursue them because it would take public forums for dealing with them and the fellowship decided to follow the traditions and back away from them.

By avoiding opinions on outside issues such as politics, alcohol reform or religion, AA avoids controversy. I need to live by this principle as an AA member. This helps my life be much simpler and serene during the day.

NEW FREEDOM

Freedom From: Slavery of Alcohol
Freedom To: Choose Sobriety

Bondage of Self

Be Self

The Past

Express

Fear Of:

Opinion

Commitment

Have Peace

Rejection

of mind

Failure

Love And

People

Be Loved

Inspired By

Grow Spiritually

January 30

Find Fulfillment

Daily Reflections



Hilton

DISTRICT 40 OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE MAY 12, 2020 MEETING

Meeting Location: 2nd Tue. 7:15 – 9:00 pm
Spring Branch Memorial Club
1200 Blalock Rd. Bldg. # 378, Room C
Houston, Texas 77055

dcm-40@aa-seta.org (Reino F.)
dcm-40-alt@aa-seta.org (Doug D.)

Mailing Address:
District 40
PO Box 19085
Houston, Texas 77024-9085

DATE: May 12, 2020

LOCATION: ZOOM

Moment of Silence, Preamble & Unity Declaration; Read by Reino F.

Attendees; 26 people

Secretary's Report – Jackie S. – April Emailed Reports - Accepted as Presented

Treasurer's Report – Mike W. – Accepted as Presented

DCM Report – Reino F. – SETA Area Assembly took place on April 4, 2020 Saturday @ 10:00am zoom meeting. The Area Chair opened the meeting. The Alt. Area Chair read the preamble from the SETA policies and procedures manual.

• **Troy B. Delegate Panel 69 – gave a brief report:**

There was a deficit in the first quarter, the contributions were at 12%, the GSO office is closed but the staff is working from home and getting paid, no furloughs.

On line contributions are accepted and mailed ones will take longer to be processed

The International was canceled as we know there were 28,000 + registered if got hotel thru the registration it would be canceled. If you booked the hotel on your own you are to do the canceling of it. There will be a virtual on line general service conference to look at the agenda items in the conference committees. Use the abbreviated agenda items list; ask him or the DCM for item background, response forms are on SETA website delegate's page. One item per response.

• **Kris H. Alt Delegate – gave brief report:**

SWRAASA was cancelled; changes for its finances are coming;

• **SETA Treasurer – Ron S.**

Gave the April Area 67 Treasurers report

• **Finance Committee – Michelle H.**

Gave the Proposed 2021 Area 67 Budget for review, It will be voted on at the July Area Assembly. Share it with your groups.

• **Area Chair – Rick M**

When our Delegate participates in the on line General Service Conference in May, the Area proposes a motion to give him the "Right of Decision" for his participation in the Conference.
Motion Passed

Alt DCM Report – Regarding 7th tradition; A note from the DCM / Delegates Meeting, it is suggested to focus on Intergroup and GSO contributions because they have paid employees. Not the District or Area.

OLD BUSINESS

Traditions Dinner – Doug and Reino are working with COTHA to hold a Saturday in September for us. Peter suggested we budget in the costs for decontaminating the facility afterward.

Open Positions – Archives & IT

NEW BUSINESS

- Be mindful of the COVID 19 requirements for each facility when AA face to face meetings resume.
- SETA Area – Proposed 2021 Budget will be voted on at the next Area assembly in July.

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DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- **Archives Rep; OPEN**
- **CFC (Correctional Facilities Committee); Paul K.**
- All locations are locked down. No visitors. No literature. Continue saving the Grapevines.
- **CPC (Cooperation with Professional Community); Bill A.**
 - At our April meeting we voted to bring a motion to the next area assembly to fund a booth at the National Association of Social Workers in Galveston Oct. 8th-10th.
 - We will still be hosting a booth at the Employee Assistance Program in Houston Oct. 27th-29th.
 - Also CPC will give a mock presentation for giving a hospital presentation at the next area assembly.
 - The Hospital Program has been put on hold until hospitals give us the go ahead.
 - Stay Safe Bill A
- **Grapevine; Rachel P. - Absent**
 - *Grapevine* and *La Viña* are our "meeting in print," and at this time when many of us can't get to meetings, they are currently offering free online access to all 2020 issues. To access, go to aagrapevine.org and click the link that says "[Grapevine and La Viña Are Here to Help.](#)" Please pass this information on to your groups and help us spread the word!
 - Thank you! Rachel Parker
- **IT (Information Technology); OPEN**
- **Intergroup Liaison; Dan K.**

District 40 Intergroup Liaison Report

- Looking to reschedule March workshop that was canceled due to Covid sometime in June.
- Bookstore taking orders online and by phone, and will be processed on Mon/Wed/Fri morning for shipment. For pickup orders, please email intergroup@aahouston.org
- Intergroup is working hard to keep all meetings updated with online/zoom meeting info for groups.

Next board meeting May 21st, 2020 @ 8:00PM.

Sign up for the Link on aahouston.org

- **Literature; Elizabeth G. -**
 - Greetings to all at District 40. May this month find you well rested from the quiet time at home, for the past sixty days, during the pandemic event. This time has been hugely beneficial in getting back to basics, increasing meditation & time with God, reading the Big Book, and getting well versed with ZOOM meetings. With that said, this month's pamphlet challenge is

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"A.A. in Correctional Facilities" and primary purpose to carry the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers in prisons, jails or transitioning to home. The goal of starting A.A. groups in Correctional Facilities is based on the cooperation and understanding between authorities and the A.A. people. The foundation of the new group's operation is the rules and regulations under which the superintendent will permit an A.A. group to function inside Correctional Facilities. Please look forward to this pamphlet & trivial quiz at next month's District 40 meeting. Here are the next scheduled events.

- Southwest Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (SWRAASA), Oct 9 – 11, 2020 in Amarillo, Texas at the Embassy Suites Hotel.
- The 59th Annual Southeast Texas Area Convention, Jan 15 – 17, 2021 at Houston City Place Marriott, 1200 Lake Plaza Dr., Spring, TX 77389.
- The Literature Committee meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month via video conference, "ZOOM." Please send the Literature Chair your email address if you are interested in attending. Then, you will receive an email with login instructions on the day of the meeting.
- **Newsletter Editor; Kari B.**
 - Thank you so much to our regular contributors Hilton, Jackie, Mike W, and Reino. If you find yourself with either some extra time on your hands or a yearning for connection with others or a way to help others please email me an article, joke, cartoon, link to something we could all benefit from, a piece of art you have done, or a photograph you have taken.... all would be most appreciated and welcomed at District40Newsletter@gmail.com.
- **PI (Public Information); Terri O.**
- The committee continued to work finalizing public service announcements for radio and print. This should be completed soon and members are asked to inquire within their own districts if anyone has a need for a copy of the PSA when available. Some members may have media contacts and that would be helpful. It was noted that some face to face meeting have started back up
- **TFC (Treatment Facilities Committee); Lucas D.**

GENERAL SHARRING;

Mitch - BCFG possibly start back on June 8th.

Doug – Katy 12 & 12 – Opened Noon and 5 PM – limited to first 17 people, then split up. And 28 Zoom meetings.

Spring Branch - Board meeting tonight to discuss.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (see no attached flyers).

- **Next District 40 meeting: 6/8/20 at 7:15pm** Spring Branch Memorial Club 1200 Blalock Rd #378 Houston, Room C (713) 274-3190 OR BY ZOOM IF NEEDED
- **Texas State Convention 74th: CANCELLED**
- **AA International Convention: CANCELLED**
- **SETA Area Assembly: July 11 – 12, 2020 at the Sheraton N Houston 15700 JFK Blvd Houston, TX 77032 room registration call 281-442-5100**
- **SWRAASA 2020 Not cancelled!!!**
 It is scheduled for October 9-11 at the Embassy Suites Hotel 550 S Buchanan St. Amarillo, TX 79101 806-803-5500 rate \$135.00; Event registration \$15.00 go to nwtatexas.com website.

SETA DISTRICT 40 --- EXPENSE BY MONTH & TOTAL FOR YEAR													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total YTD
DCM													\$0.00
All. DCM	\$316.48												\$316.48
Secretary / Copying	\$18.72	\$8.46											\$27.18
Treasurer	2	2	\$34.99	\$2.00	\$2.00								\$42.99
Newsletter		\$71.74											\$71.74
Rent/Coffee Donation	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00										\$90.00
Coffee													\$0.00
PO Box													\$0.00
Literature Committee		\$55.60											\$55.60
PI/CPC													\$0.00
Grapevine													\$0.00
CFC													\$0.00
TFC													\$0.00
Archives Committee													\$0.00
Intergroup Liaison													\$0.00
IT Committee													\$0.00
Miscellaneous													\$0.00
Gratitude Dinner - Donation													\$0.00
Gratitude Dinner - Food													\$0.00
Fellowship Fest													\$0.00
Traditions Dinner													\$0.00
Service Workshop													\$0.00
SWRAASA (Even Years)													\$0.00
The Forum (Odd Years) See Note													\$0.00
Delegate Report Meeting													\$0.00
State Convention Hospitality Suite													\$0.00
SETA Assembly Host District													\$0.00
SETA - 2020 Hospitality Suite		\$453.62											\$453.62
Total for MONTH	\$367.20	\$621.42	\$64.99	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,057.61
Unrestricted Funds Allocated to													
Intergroup, SETA 67, GSO													\$0.00
Expense Total													

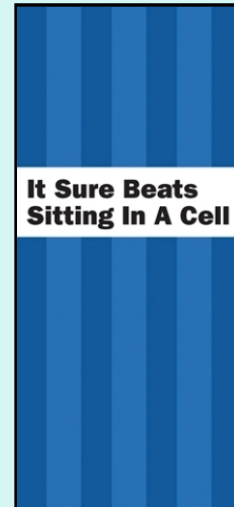
SETA DISTRICT 40 -- GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2020

District 40 Groups	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
Another Chance Group													0.00
Bear Creek Fellowship			90.00										90.00
Broad Highway Group			5.70										5.70
Burkehill Tuesday A.A. Group				71.33									71.33
Chapelwood Tues 8pm		332.17											332.17
Daily Reflections Group													0.00
Everything is "Alright Already"													0.00
First Light Group													0.00
Four Horsemen Group													0.00
Fourth Promise Group													0.00
Fry Road Group		70.00											70.00
Friends of Bill W. (Post Oak)		90.00											90.00
Friends of Bill W. (West Houston CC)		112.42											112.42
Fulshear Group			170.99										170.99
God Meeting Group													0.00
High Hopes													0.00
Hockley Group			45.00										45.00
Houston Young People													0.00
Journey Group		10.80											10.80
Just For Today		74.80											74.80
Just The Black Print Group			77.55										77.55
Katy 12 & 12		77.53	35.38	20.25	7.39								140.53
Katy 184 Group		6.61	19.00		14.95								40.56
Katy Big Book			190.00										190.00
Katy Crossroads Group		36.62											36.62
Katy Primary Purpose Group													0.00
Kingsland Group													0.00
Living Now Group													0.00
Memorial Going Home Group		40.42											40.42
Memorial West Group													0.00
Men's Supper/Step Study Group				34.30									34.30
Monroville Group													0.00
New Beginnings group		23.00											23.00
New Oxford Group													0.00
Our Common Journey Group													0.00
Outpost Group (Men's)					137.52								137.52
Peak Road Group													0.00
Rosewood Thursday Night Group		122.00											122.00
Rule 62 Group													0.00
Sage-Piney Point													0.00
Sage-Piney Point Noon Tuesday		23.40											23.40
Saturday Solutions Group		38.06											38.06
Simply AA													0.00
Sisters in Serenity		39.70											39.70
Sober in Brookshire													0.00
Spring Branch Memorial Club													0.00
Spring Shadows Group		240.00			190.00								390.00
Stepping Stones in Recovery Katy			30.00										30.00
Steps in Sobriety													0.00
Taking Care of Business													0.00
Tuesday Night Step Study		25.48		33.60									59.08
36 Principles Group													0.00
Wednesday Reflections		16.20											16.20
West Memorial													0.00
Wild West Group		45.33											45.33
Working With Others													0.00
													0.00
Unknowns/Misc					90.00								90.00
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April

It Sure Beats Sitting In A Cell

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May

AA In Correctional Facilities

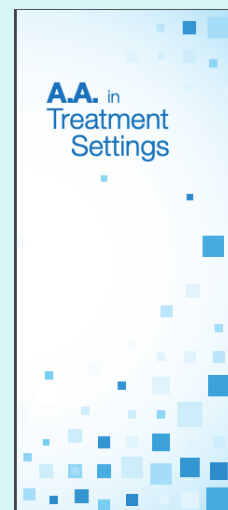
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June

AA In Treatment Settings

https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/p-27_AAinTF.pdf



District 40 Officers and Committee Representatives

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Email</u>
DCM	Reino F	dcm-40@aa-seta.org
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Alt Treasurer	Scott B	treasurer-40-alt@aa-seta.org
Archives	OPEN	
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Grapevine Rep	Rachel P	
IT Rep	OPEN	
Literature Rep	Elizabeth G	
CFC Rep	Paul K	
Intergroup Rep	Dan K	
CPC Rep	Bill A	
PI	Terri	
TFC	Lucas D	

Committee	Meeting Time	Location
Archives	1 st Saturday of the month, 10:00 AM	521 N. Sam Houston Pkwy East, Suite 215 Houston, Texas 77060
Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)	1 st Monday of the month, 7:00 PM	Spring Branch Memorial Club 1200 Blalock, Suite 378
Correctional Facilities (CFC)	3 rd Wednesday of the month, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	The Delta Club 6401 Southwest Freeway, Suite 110 Houston, Texas 77057
Grapevine	3 rd Thursday of every other month, 7:30 PM	The Delta Club 6401 Southwest Freeway, Suite 110 Houston, Texas 77057
Intergroup	3 rd Thursday of every other month, 8:00 PM	4140 Directors Row Suites D & E Houston, Texas 77092
Internet Technologies (IT)	4 th Saturday of the month, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Spring Branch Memorial Club 1200 Blalock, Suite 378
Literature	3 rd Tuesday of the month, 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM	Zoom Send Login requests to: Literature-Chair@aa-seta.org
Multi-Lingual	1 st Thursday of the month, 7:30 PM	District 63 4800 West 34 th Street Suite B-8 Houston, Texas 77092
Public Information (PI)	4 th Tuesday of the month, 7:30 PM	Spring Branch Memorial Club 1200 Blalock, Suite 378, Room C Can do Zoom
Treatment Facility Committee (TFC)	2 nd Monday of the month, 7:00 PM	GoToMeetings (except Assembly months) At Area Assembly, Saturday afternoon 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM